















# **Arctic Research Program**

GOMO's presence in the Arctic

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## **Our Mission**

ARP sponsors multiple sustained, in situ observations focusing on the ocean-ice-atmosphere environment and complementary marine ecosystem studies to characterize the northern Bering, Chukchi, and Beaufort Sea response to climate change. ARP also supports model improvement and use in support of NOAA's mission of science, service, and stewardship.

# ARP Focus Areas:

Ecosystem & Oceanographic Studies

Sea Ice Modeling & Observations

Coupled
Atmospheric &
Ocean
Modeling

Technology Development

Assessments & Reports



### Impacts:

Overall: More open water conditions and thinner, younger ice

Migration of key fish species northwards

Increasing Ocean
Acidification and
Harmful Algal Blooms

Dramatic increase of heat flowing from Pacific Ocean into the Arctic Ocean

Link between Arctic amplification and mid-latitude weather patterns may be emerging

2021 Sea Ice Minimum 1981-2010 Avg Minimum

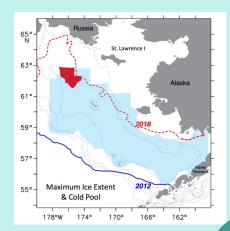
# GOMO's presence in the Arctic!

- Funding ~ \$3.3M / yr
   over the last 5 years
- Renewed national focus on the Arctic opportunity!
- 2019: ARP review and OAR Arctic Forum led to the development of the ARP Strategy



Ecosystems and Fisheries-Oceanography Coordinated Investigations & Distributed Biological Observatory

- Cold pool formation impacts on fisheries
- Emergence of harmful algal blooms in areas previously unknown



#### Coupled Arctic Forecast System & GLERL-CIGLR Arctic Sea Routes

- High-resolution coupled sea ice models improving operational forecasts
- Informing shipping, transportation, and weather forecasting



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# US Arctic Observing Network

- Identifying key contributions to Arctic observing systems
- Defining Shared Arctic Variables at the regional and international level (SAON)





## NOAA's Arctic Report Card

 Peer-reviewed and highly publicized accounting of yearly Arctic observations and essays on emerging topics for over 15 years



## ARP Leadership Resonates Across the US Government





## **Future plans and opportunities**

- Sustaining long-term Observations and developing & evaluating new observational technologies
- Investing in critical Modeling needs
- Making sure that the Data are FAIR and CARE
- Supporting relevant and readily-usable Products
- Expanding meaningful Engagement with Indigenous and coastal communities in Alaska
- Improving *Partnerships* across OAR, NOAA, between agencies, and internationally

